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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136**

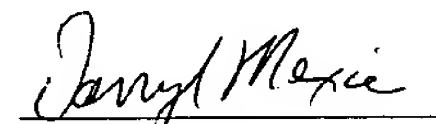
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of one months, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of November 29, 2001 to February 28, 2002.

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